

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Works Accounts Department - Delay in payment of Mobilization Advance bill in respect of Token No.9412 in the O/o the PAO (W&P), Khammam – Disciplinary Proceedings against Sri G. Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam, Sri B. Narayana, Superintendent and Sri GH. Vijaya Krishna, Senior Assistant – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

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**FINANCE (WA-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O. Rt. No. 2220**

**Dated: 14-05-2013.**

**Read the following:-**

1. Memo No. 4066/F8 (1)/2012, Fin (W&P) Department, dated 21.12.2012.
2. Proc. No. JDWA/KNR/Admn/U.I/2012-13/303, dated 26.12.2012.
3. Proc.No. JDWA/KNR/Admn/UI/2012-13/314, dated 05.01.2013.
4. Proc. No. JDWA/K/Admn/UI/2012-13/315, dated 05.01.2013.
5. Director of Works Accounts Lr.No.DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC.6/2012-13/441,dt. 16.01.2013.
6. G. O. Rt. No. 305, Finance (WA.II) Department, dated 29.01.2013.
7. From the Director of Works Accounts Letter No. DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC.6/2012-13/482, dated 11.02.2013 & 04.04.2013.
8. From the DWA Lr.No.DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC.3/2012-13/369,dt.28.02.2013.
9. Proc. No. JDWA/KNR/Admn/U-1/2012-13/403, dated 13.03.2013.

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**ORDER:**

It has come to the notice of the Government that delay was caused in payment of Mobilization Advance bill in respect of Token No. 9412 in the O/o PAO (W&P), Khammam. Government, inter alia, requested the Director of Works Accounts to direct the Joint Director of Works Accounts, Karimnagar to place Sri GH. Vijaya Krishna, Senior Assistant, O/o PAO, Khammam under suspension pending detailed enquiry vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited.

2. Accordingly, in pursuance of the directions of the Government, the Joint Director, Karimnagar have placed Sri GH. Vijaya Krishna, Senior Assistant, O/o PAO, Khammam under suspension vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above and framed articles of charges against Sri GH. Vijaya Krishna, Senior Assistant and Sri B. Narayana, Superintendent in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above for the delay caused by them in payment of Mobilization Advance bill in respect of Token No. 9412 in the O/o PAO(W&P), Khammam.

3. In the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have framed article of charges against Sri G. Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam against the delay in payment of Mobilization Advance bill in respect of Token No. 9412 in the O/o PAO (W&P), Khammam.

4. The Charged officer, Sri G. Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam furnished his written statement of defence through the Director of Works Accounts in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above. In his written statement of defence, the bill pertaining to work “Construction of Anicut across the Munneru River” received on 14.11.2012 in the Pay & Accounts Office. The token was given by the Superintendent concerned. The Auditor concerned went on leave from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2012. As all the bills have to be scrutinized on Bills Monitoring System by 16.11.2012 and as the Auditor again applied leave from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012, he scrutinized all the bills. In the stage-I scrutiny he notified only two obvious and essential remarks i) LOC and ii) Stamped acquaintance. When PAO site is opened on the same day, the bills have been returned to Auditors Login as the work connected files were not made available. The Auditor went on leave from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012, the division staff brought to his notice about the bill. Immediately, he summoned the Superintendent and asked him to produce the file. He brought the file without scrutiny. He himself verified and scrutinized. The Executive Engineer was addressed to furnish the further required information on 24.11.2012. Mean while the balance LOC was received. The above information could not be uploaded in the website during stage-I scrutiny since the auditor was on leave and due to non availability of records. The concerned DAO furnished his replies through Lr. No.2220/1 dated 27.11.2012. But actually the copies of agreement and estimate are sent to PAO office on 29.11.2012 FN. Immediately, the bill scrutinized

with reference to agreement and estimate and kept ready for payment on 29.11.2012 and the bill was authorized for payment.

5. The Charged Officer, Sri G.Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam has further stated that certain errors are taking place absolutely inadvertently because of several factors including clumsiness and confusing grouping of 34 items all located at a particular page. Even missing of one glance at particular item of work with regards to the records available or non availability there is every chance that the error in between YES or NO may creep into misrepresentation of facts. While requesting to drop further action on the Charges, he has affirmed that he would be more careful in discharging his duties in future as well as increasing the supervisory control over the staff.

6. Sri GH.Vijaya Krishna, Senior Assistant has stated that a bill in respect of PMR constructions for payment of Mobilization Advance was received in PAO office on 14.11.2012 and assigned token No. 9412 which was transferred to his login on 15.11.2012. He has applied for leave from 16.11.2012 to 19.11.2012 and took permission from PAO on 15.11.2012 in this regard with instructions that he had to complete scrutiny of the bills received. In this preoccupied mood and due to shortage of time, he scrutinized the said bill on online along with other bills and pointed out some remarks viz. "availability of LOC and stamped acquittance of the agency" inadvertently selecting "Yes" at item No.2 and 3 and forwarded to Superintendent's login. Subsequently, when he was again on leave from 23.11.2012 to 27.11.2012, the PAO in his letter dated 24.11.2012, raised some other remarks. As he went on leave, he could not monitor the status of the bill and unable to process the bill prior to 28.11.2012 i.e. from 16.11.2012 to 27.11.2012.

7. Further, he has stated that when he was on leave again from 23.11.2012 to 27.11.2012, his login was operated and the bills were scrutinized. As such, the part of the imputation that he conducted scrutiny during leave is incorrect. The omissions are due to the anxiety to complete scrutiny before he go on leave and with a presumption that he had the second choice of scrutiny of all items at the time of preparing the bill for ripe. The omissions were attended before payment. The bill was cleared on 29.11.2012. There is no delay in payment of bill of mobilization advance on his part. He has requested to drop the charges leveled against him and reinstate him into service. His suspension was revoked vide reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above, on the recommendations of the DWA in his letter dated 29.02.2013 vide reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above.

8. Sri B. Narayana, Superintendent in his written statement of defence has stated that the letter addressed on 24.11.2012 to the Executive Engineer for remarks on the bills is with the old practice. This has not to be made as for BMS. He stated that such lapses will not be occurred in future and he will be careful in discharging his duties in future and requested to excuse him for the lapses and to drop the charges framed against him.

9. The Director of Works Accounts, in his letter 7<sup>th</sup> read above, has stated that the BMS is a newly introduced methodology of cheque slip only and not intended for any kind of scrutiny or audit during the physical checking of the bills. The auditor or the Superintendent should keep in mind all the 34 items in BMS and go on verifying the availability of the documents or otherwise required for passing the bill. It is observed that the staff is simultaneously operating the BMS as well as physical verification of the documents. In such case, there is a chance of confusion on the part of the auditor in selecting the item. The auditor and the Superintendent wrongly selected the item no's 25 & 26 and forwarded them to the PAO during the first level audit. The PAO could not verify those items No. 25 & 26 in the absence of any remarks of the Auditor/Superintendent or specifically brought to the notice of the PAO. The staff might be either in confusion or in failing to comprehend the intricacies in the audit. This was automatically reflected on the PAO duties and finally, cleared the bill on receipt of the documents. This has resulted into undue delay in payment of mobilization advance bill. However, as the PAO affirmed that he would be more careful in his duties in future, the Director of Works Accounts has requested that the PAO may be exonerated and the charges framed against him may be dropped.

10. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to the written statements of the defence of the charged officers and the report of the Director of Works

Accounts, decided to drop further action against Sri GH. Vijay Krishna, Senior Assistant, Sri B. Narayana, Superintendent and Sri G. Pratap Reddy, PAO, Khammam. However, they are warned to be more careful in future in dealing such cases.

11. The Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

L. PREMACHANDRA REDDY,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (W&P)

To

The individuals

through the Director of Works Accounts, AP, Hyd.

The Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.

Copy to

The Joint Director of Works Accounts, Karimnagar.

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